

Weekly Column for November 22, 2006

This message will be short this week. I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. If you are traveling out of town to visit family or friends this weekend; do be careful. If you are staying local, enjoy the many festivities that Thanksgiving offers. Included in that is of course the 59<sup>th</sup> Running of the Troy Turkey Trot, which will begin tomorrow at 8 a.m. I hope to see everyone there this week.

The City of Troy lost a great friend and champion this week with the death of former City Councilman Bill Pascarell. He was 83.

Everyone knows that Bill was quite a character, and some of the newspaper stories the past two days have called him "The Man of the People." That could not be a more apt description. Bill meant a little something different to anyone he ever crossed paths with, and he will be missed.

To me, he was a close friend. We certainly had our share of interesting situations since I became mayor, but I know that we were friends until the very end. I will certainly miss him.

Bill's calling hours are Wednesday afternoon at the McNulty Funeral Home, and his funeral will be Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. at Saint Anthony's in downtown Troy.

His passing this week has certainly given me pause and served as a reminder of all the things I have to be thankful for. Enjoy your holiday weekend and take care.

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